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SUBJECT: NEPAL'S CROWN PRINCESS GIVES BIRTH TO SON

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At approximately 1:45 p.m. on July 31, Nepal's Crown Princess Hemani Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah gave birth to a son. In accordance with Hindu custom, the child's name will be chosen in a ceremony after 11 days. Crown Prince Paras and his wife already have one child, a girl born in December 2000. The boy, their first son, is now second in line to inherit Nepal's throne (Reftel).
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